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Then I guess it gotta be
Cause I never been a sucker, see?
I can't stand for a man tryin to hold me down
Then again I've never been a clown
Countdown (Freedom or death)
'88, and everything ain't well (Freedom or death)
Prepare for a war and war is hell (Freedom or death)
And if you think about coppin a plea (Freedom or death)
Don't even waste your breath (Freedom or death)
Cause this time it's freedom or death (Freedom or death)

Conceptually to be free means

To do what I please, but please

Cause even overseas in my native country

I still get robbed and raped in the face

For gold and all (Freedom or death)

My people are poor (Freedom or death)

For the sake of a thrill (Freedom or death)

My people get killed (Freedom or death)

And we'll be killed till there's nobody left (Freedom or death)

Unless we understand it's freedom or death (Freedom or death)

It only takes one side to declare war

And if the other side ignores

They get mapped, or should I say off the map

Like a stain's washed out in a laundromat

Wartime, brother, wartime, sister (Freedom or death)

We can't wait because they won't wait (Freedom or death)

And we've been through so much shit to date (Freedom or death)

That we're losin this war and I hate (Freedom or death)

To say that, but it's true, so I say to you You better learn to defend yourself Right hand and left In the east and west Time for war, freedom or death If I gotta die to be free Then I guess it gotta be Cause I never been a sucker, see? I can't stand for a man tryin to hold me down Then again, I've never been a clown Countdown (Freedom or death) '88, and everything ain't well (Freedom or death) Prepare for a war and war is hell (Freedom or death) And if you think about coppin a plea (Freedom or death) Don't even waste your breath (Freedom or death) Cause this time it's freedom or death (Freedom or death)